

BELLEVUE EXPERTS TO PASS ON HIS SANITY.

Life of Author of "My Mamie Rose" and "Regeneration" Says He Threatened Her and Their Child—Nervousness From Overwork Is His Explanation.

Owen Kildare, author of "My Mamie Rose" and playwright of "The Regeneration," an adaptation from his book, was committed to Bellevue yesterday for observation as to his sanity. The commitment was made by Magistrate Walsh in the West Side police court after an examination at the instance of Mrs. Kildare, who before her marriage was known on the stage as Letta Russell. Kildare was in the apartment house in which he lives at 85 West 101st street.

Policeman Johnson, who was called, charged him with intoxication. Mrs. Kildare went to court with him and told Magistrate Walsh that her husband had been talking incoherently and acting irrationally for some weeks past and that she feared he was insane. She showed a letter written by him in which he threatened her life. She also told the court that her husband was under the care of Dr. Ames Gibbons at Stamford Hall, Stamford, Conn., last spring.

The police said that Mrs. Kildare summoned them to the house on Sunday night. Policeman Johnson said Kildare was in such a deep sleep in the lower hall that he summoned an ambulance and had him removed to the J. Hood Wright Hospital. Later he was taken to the police station.

The Kildares have been married five years and have a daughter, a year old. Kildare said that the trouble was nervousness.

"I am nervous and I need a rest," he said. "My wife is nervous also. The result is incompatibility of temper."

Mrs. Kildare charged her husband with threats of violence and suicide. Two witnesses, Mrs. Louise Walton of Brooklyn and William Lindsay, testified to Kildare's illusions and despondency. Most of their testimony was hearsay. Mrs. Kildare told the court that while she was looking out the window of her apartment one evening some weeks ago her husband came up and held a revolver behind her head. When she turned around she looked into the muzzle of the weapon. She found out afterward that the revolver was not loaded.

One extract from the eight page letter in which, Mrs. Kildare says, her husband threatened her life, was:

"I'll put you some place where you will relish a plate of soup. I'll put you some place and then something will happen to the baby."

Kildare, in explanation of this statement, said it was only a fear he entertained that something might happen to the baby.

"I have been suffering from nervousness and overwork," he added. "That letter was a pill of a bad moment. I've gone through a great depression of health and finances and there was a time five or six weeks ago that I thought of suicide. I did not intend to include my wife and child."

"What I want is rest. I expect \$2,000 in a day or so from a magazine article which has been accepted and then I'll go and spend several months in a sanitarium. Now I have to take powder to my face."

To prove the hard work he had been performing for the last year he told the court that he had written the play "The Regeneration" in nineteen days. He signed the contract December 21 and handed in his manuscript December 21. He finished his latest complete work six weeks ago.

"From your appearance," said Magistrate Walsh, "I hesitate to exercise my power of commitment, as it leads to the operation of machinery which possibly might end in your being sent to an asylum. Step down for a minute."

Magistrate Walsh was about to address himself to Mrs. Kildare when the latter fell in a swoon on the bridge. This was followed by two other swoons after she had been removed to the Magistrate's private office. Her illness delayed the disposition of the case until after the adjournment of court.

Kildare complained that commitment to Bellevue would injure his reputation. Otherwise he took it coolly.

THE TAFTS' THANKSGIVING.

Alf and Head of the House Come Here—He's Tired of Travel.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Nov. 23.—Charles F. Brooks, national committeeman from Connecticut, who has been here two days, has seen Mr. Taft, once and will see him again in the evening. He is to stay. Mr. Taft expressed a high opinion of Mr. Brooks, of his information and advice. They talked of "measures and men."

The State Auditor of Ohio, W. D. Guilbert, saw Mr. Taft to-day. Mr. Guilbert is a man of much influence in Ohio Republican organization. He said after the talk that the two had not discussed Ohio politics. Mr. Taft said that they discussed nothing in the talk that related to the party organization in the State, but did not touch on the Senatorship.

Mr. F. J. Kracke, who is Naval Officer of the Port of New York, introduced Master Kracke, a youth who had expressed much admiration for Mr. Taft. Master Kracke is now a Taft man for life. He had been introduced to the Henry W. Tafts and the W. B. Tafts should have their Thanksgiving dinner at the cottage of Mr. Ingalls here. Mrs. Taft, however, has decided to go to New York to-morrow to meet her children, Robert, Charles and Helen. They will be guests of Henry W. Taft on Thanksgiving. The President-elect refused to go, saying that he has been travelling enough. He will eat dinner with Mr. Ingalls. It is still possible that C. F. Taft will be here.

Mr. Taft was much amused this evening by a letter from his small son Charlie who has been for two months at the school of his uncle, Horace Taft, at Watertown, Conn. The President-elect said that Mrs. Taft has had the idea that Charlie would get homesick and want to come home. On the contrary, the young man asks permission to spend the rest of his life in the school. The letter is clear on the subject, in Watertown.

Reynolds' Newspaper of London had an editorial in a recent issue, in which Mr. Taft as a reflection of Mr. Roosevelt and a tool of the trusts. Some one had sent the President-elect a copy and he read it to-night to some friends. He made no comment.

10,000 Coat Tailors Reinstated in Union.

Ten thousand coat tailors who were expelled from the United Garment Workers of America two years ago for going on an unauthorized strike were reinstated yesterday at a meeting of their representatives and representatives of the United Garment Workers in a hall at 30 Pitt street.

The suspended unions formed a central body, but it was not successful, so they made their peace with the United Garment Workers.

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BRYAN—HABIT OR DISEASE?

D-CADY HERRICK TELLS VIRGINIANS HE'S NOT SURE.

Up in Schoharie He Guesses They May Be Voting for Bryan After His Knell Is Knelt—Gov. Swanson Garlands Virginia's Heroes. Old and New.

D-Cady Herrick, whose last prior appearance in public here had been as chairman of the Bryan meeting at Madison Square Garden ten days before election, told the diners at the Virginians' dinner at the Waldorf last night that he did not know whether Bryanism was a habit or a disease.

"We have heard from Gov. Swanson of Virginia a great deal about what a great State the Old Dominion is," said the speaker in mock gravity, "but there are others than Virginians. For instance, there are some folks up in Schoharie county. They are the intelligent folk of the State; witness the fact that they gave Bryan a majority in that county."

"Now they used to say that up in Schoharie they used to vote for Jackson once in four years until very recently and then they began voting for Mr. Bryan. I sometimes am convinced that when I am called upon next to speak I shall say, 'If it is the latter then there is no doubt that in some people at least the Bryan virus has been pretty thoroughly injected.'"

Lewis Nixon was sitting just to the left of the irreverent Mr. Herrick, but he said no word of protest when he was called upon next to speak. Ship building and ship subsidies were all that Mr. Nixon wanted to discuss.

About 130 of the Virginians, as the transplanted representatives of the F. F. V.'s in New York call themselves in organization, settled themselves down to an after dinner feast of oratory following the annual dinner of the society last night. Dr. George Tucker Harrison, president of the society, sat just below the blue banner inscribed with the immortal "Six Sempers Tyrannis" in the center of the guests' table.

With him were Gov. Claude A. Swanson, John J. Delany, Dr. John A. Wyeth, president of the New York Southern Society, Major Edward Owen, commander of the Confederate Veteran Camp, E. A. Springs, president of the South Carolina Society, John S. Crosey, president of the Missouri Society, the Rev. J. W. Neale, president of the Maryland Society, Evan Shelby of the Kentuckians, Bruce L. Rice, representing the Tennesseans, Thomas C. W. Crosey, president of the Georgia Society, Lewis Nixon and D-Cady Herrick. Others who whooped it up for Virginia were William Alexander, Stuart Gibbons, the Rev. Dr. Frank Neale, Judge Albertus Van Wyck, George Gordon Battle, Van Rogers Lee, Gen. Henry Douglas, Dr. George Bolling Lee and Albert Ross Lightfoot.

Gov. Swanson did not miss one Virginia hero in the State's galaxy from Powhatan down to the managers of the Jamestown Exposition, and to each he gave a testimonial, which he placed in a box. In one place he said:

"I would be untrue to the State of Virginia if I did not tell you that we love the Confederacy and its heroes more than we ever did. We glory in the history of the lost cause from Bethel to Appomattox."

THIEF GOT HIS PASSPORTS.

China's Education Commissioner Hobbed of Sulfate in a Chicago Hotel.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Liang Ching Kwai, special Chinese Educational Commissioner to America, was robbed of valuable papers, including his passport, at the Sherman House last Saturday night. The robbery occurred while the Commissioner was dining at a Chinese restaurant near by. The thief gained entrance to the suite occupied by Mr. Liang by climbing over a transom where were a dozen pieces of baggage in the room, but only a travelling bag was taken.

Mr. Liang has been in the United States since the summer of 1907, when he was appointed by Emperor Kwang-hau, who died a few days ago. Since his arrival here he has established Chinese schools in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Portland, Ore., and New York. He is on his way to Vancouver, B. C., to be present at the dedication of a Chinese school on December 1.

HOBBSON SCOLDING AGAIN.

Roasts Roosevelt for Withdrawals Fleet and Interference in California.

AKRON, Ohio, Nov. 23.—Congressman Richmond P. Hobson, who was here to-day, has sent a letter to President Roosevelt demanding that the fleet be kept in the Pacific. In his letter he scored President Roosevelt for his interference in Japanese troubles in California.

"Our Presidents have invariably refused to interfere in local matters, even when foreign subjects were being persecuted; but in this case, Mr. President, you did interfere where foreign subjects were not being harmed. If you had refused to interfere, the people of San Francisco to surrender you are not justified now in withdrawing the fleet and again placing them and our neighbors in the whole coast in precisely the same defenceless position."

Conditions exist that have no counterpart on the Atlantic coast, Hobson says, and it would be a national and international calamity to withdraw the fleet.

Western Maryland's Foreclosure Answer.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 23.—The answer of the Western Maryland Railroad Company consenting to the foreclosure of the convertible mortgage bonds on its road and the sale of the property was filed to-day in the United States Circuit Court. The answer is purely formal and admits all the allegations on the bills filed by the Bowling Green Trust Company of New York and the Elkins National Bank of Elkins, W. Va.

FOG CORKS THE HARBOR.

Lines Lie Outside Invisible—City of Lowell Lets Passengers Ashore.

Fog locked the gates of the harbor to large craft yesterday morning and several lines, including the Nieuw Amsterdam from Rotterdam and the Red Italia from the Mediterranean loafed outside in the gloom all day long. The New York and Porto Rico Line's big steamship Carolina, from San Juan, reported late in the afternoon by wireless that she feared to venture in as the fog was unusually dense. She reported other craft around her undistinguishable but whistling mightily. At sunset the fog was still dense around the Hook. Whistles could be heard but nothing seen. One of the Carolina's wireless messages was: "Outside in the fog; home to-morrow."

The steamboat City of Lowell of the Norwich line, which started up the river last night, found things foggy around Hell Gate. Capt. James Speddie decided at first to try to get through, but when he heard a fog bell ahead ringing he stopped. On investigation he found that he had narrowly missed colliding with the Merritt & Chapman steam derrick which is working on the wreck of the freighter H. M. Whitney. He tied up alongside a New York Central barge at Ninety-first street.

Many of the passengers protested that they would rather spend the night at home than off Ninety-first street, and Capt. Speddie said that as the fog would prevent the boat from continuing he would lower a ladder. About 100 passengers, including many women, came ashore. They had some little trouble climbing over the barge.

The fog was so thick that the College Point ferries had to pick their way across the river very gingerly, and finally quit.

The Pennsylvania Annex ferryboat No. 5, bound from Fulton street, Brooklyn, to Jersey City, while feeling her way past the Battery in the morning bumped into Pier A, carried away a part of her starboard rail and stove about twenty feet of cabin joiner work. The guard of the Annex tore away a bunch of fending piles at the end of the pier. The pier was damaged, and the ferry was delayed, and the Thirty-ninth street, between Pier 8, East River, and South Brooklyn, went out of commission for two hours.

The Hudson River tunnels had the biggest day in their history yesterday, carrying 16,300 people in the early rush hours, between 7 and 9.30. It was necessary to run trains at five minutes headway up to 11 o'clock, which is unusual. This is the largest number of passengers crossing the river from Hoboken since the opening of the tunnel at any time since the tunnel was opened last February, except in its very early days, when people went out of curiosity.

The Hudson River tunnels, which the company, says that for some reason so far unexplainable the rush on Sunday morning, which should be a quiet day, is constantly increasing.

CITY GOVERNMENT TALK.

Metz Tells of Influence at 5:30 A. M.—Heavy Loss on City Ferries.

At the City Club's annual meeting last evening the members determined to put up in the clubhouse a memorial to the late Col. Waring. It will probably be a tablet. The meeting listened to talks on recent city development by Mayor George A. Hibbard of Boston, Comptroller Metz and Lincoln Stephens who has just landed a job to investigate Boston's city government for the Good Government Association.

The meeting was also informed by one of the club's committees that a report will be presented in a few days the general tenor of which will be in the way of advice to go slow in the matter of city ownership as a result of the city's experience with municipal ferries, the deficit for the last year in the Staten Island ferry being \$645,000 and in the Thirty-ninth street ferry \$445,000.

Mayor Hibbard said that of Boston's city debt of \$74,000,000 \$30,000,000 represents special benefits which should have been paid for by persons or corporations which enjoyed them. Of the city's yearly expenses \$1,000,000 went for special services of various sorts which should be paid for by a special and limited class. The Building Commissioner practically gave \$18,000 to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company.

Comptroller Metz said that although he was told that it was none of his business to interfere in the Water Department, he had found that that plunger were grafting on the city to such an extent that since his interference the bills were no only one-third of what they used to be, and he had \$25,000 or \$30,000 in such bills now held up.

The Fourth avenue subway in Brooklyn would never pay in fifty years and the city should be looking for a lot of South Brooklyn speculators. He wasn't looking for any office; it was the simple life or him after he got through with this one; he had no private means of support and was looking for nothing, and he warned the community against two sorts of candidates, those who needed the money and those who were ambitious, as both sorts were dangerous.

"On the night before the Board of Estimate meeting," he said, "I was called up at 5:30 A. M. and told not to vote against that Fourth avenue subway because it was going to be built. I asked, 'Why?' The man said: 'Because we've got orders from 'Up Town.'"

Mr. Metz said that it had taken him a year to get an opinion from the Corporation Counsel, and that that was a favorite trick of the Corporation Counsel's office.

Speaking of ex-Deputy Comptroller Levey, with whom he has been in controversy about the city's financial condition, he said that Levey was not a banker, but that he knew that bonds were sometimes depressed for the purpose of bidding them in—a plan which did not always work. He was gleeful about the success of the city bond sale.

MORSE OUT OF HIS CLUB.

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HAVING AMBROSIAN NIGHTS AT THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

Invites Tom Grady to Go Over to Ireland Now or After His Next Part Farewell—Doesn't See Why the Newspapers Supported the Anti-Gambling Law.

Richard Croker's glad he came over. He said so last night in his favorite corner of the Democratic Club, amid a crowd of old time friends. He had a joke for almost every one who pushed their way through the crowd to pass the time of day with him. At one time he was showing around an elaborately bound volume in which in illuminated text was the charter which conferred the freedom of Dublin upon him.

Senator Grady was standing near him at the time. "Wouldn't you come over and live in Ireland, Tom," said Mr. Croker. "If you could get a book like that?"

"Not for me," replied Grady, "this country's good enough for me."

"Well, there's nothing to keep you here, you know," Mr. Croker said, with a laugh. "I read how you told the Legislature last year that you were out of public life and wanted to take a rest. Come over to Ireland and have a quiet time with me."

"Say, Tom," Mr. Croker went on before the Senator could answer, "you were re-elected this year after all that sweeping up in Albany last winter. How are you going to square yourself when the Legislature meets?"

"Well, chief, I didn't intend to go back, but I was forced to; but this will absolutely be my last term."

"I guess not," laughingly retorted Mr. Croker, "your farewells are like that?"

"What's the use of trying to get me into trouble?" he said good humoredly to the reporters who tried to get him to talk politics. "I am out of it all, and I don't want anything to do with it. I don't want to get into a fight with you fellows right off. I haven't forgotten what I went through in the old days. Every one of you was against me then, that I mean that your papers were. I've got no hard feelings though. I think every one likes a man who will fight back, and I think that you boys, even when you were fighting me, liked me. And let me tell you another thing. Fighting is good in politics. It puts life into the organization back of you and the harder the fight is the more votes you can get out on election day."

"Sometimes the papers hit me very hard, but I never felt any animus. In fact let me tell you something that has never come out before. I had a collection made of the cartoons which were printed in those papers which were knocking me and I had albums of copies of those cartoons made up and sent a book to each of the editors. I was told that one of those editors after receiving the book said: 'Well, Dick's all right after all; he takes it all in good part.' And that just how I did it."

It was suggested that while he was over here he might go over the breeding farms of the South and buy some new blood for his stud stables in Ireland.

"No," said Mr. Croker, "I have no room for such a thing. I have as fine a strain of breeding horses as you can find in any part of the world. I have already had one or two imported and I hope one of the three yearlings that I have entered for the Derby of 1910 will turn out to be another Orby. Besides I am not buying horses now. My business is breeding. I have a few more to breed."

"Do you think that the shutting up of betting on the race tracks in this State will tend to hurt the breeding of thoroughbreds?" Mr. Croker was asked.

"I think it will," Mr. Croker answered. "I don't understand why all the papers of this city supported that anti-race track law. People buy newspapers for the news and the sporting news is as much of interest to readers as any other kind of news. Still I suppose that the papers have broken out of their senses and are doing this. This is a democratic country and the voters make up a big jury which determines how things shall be run."

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